

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and reconsideration of the subject matter identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, and in light of the remarks which follow are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 15-23 will be pending in the application.

By the amendments, claims 10-14 and 24-27 have been canceled. Entry of the foregoing amendments is proper as they place the application in immediate condition for allowance.

Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claims 15-23.

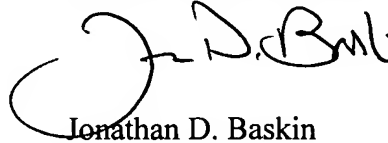
Regarding the Information Disclosure Statement and U.S. Publication No. 2003/0067049, applicants thank the Examiner for his time and courtesy during the telephonic discussion of April 29, 2005. At that time, the Examiner agreed to consider this document. As requested by the Examiner, a corrected form PTO-1449 is attached.

Claims 10-14 and 24-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In addition, claims 10, 12-14 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,738,145 (*Sherrer '145*). Further, claim 11 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Sherrer '145*. These rejections are moot in light of the foregoing amendments, by which the rejected claims have been canceled. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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